

Jesus, the Great I AM

(9) Bread of Life Explained

Truth about believing in Him...John 6:35-41

What is the promise to those who believe in Christ? 6:35 see **6:27, 63**

They will never go hungry and never be thirsty! Not physically, but spiritually.

What was true of the majority of the crowd following Jesus? 6:22-26, 36

They were only interested in themselves, physical. Not in Christ, spiritual, eternal life!

Who genuinely comes to (believes in) Christ? and Christ's response? 6:37

Election

True believers are given by the Father to the Son. Christ will NEVER drive them away.

What is one incredible truth from this verse about our role in salvation? (see pg.2 references)

True believers are a love gift from the Father (chosen by Him) to the Son. THEY love us!

What is absolutely true of every one whom the Father chooses? 6:37, 39

Irresistible Grace

All that the Father gives to the Son (chooses) will come to Christ. None are lost, vs.39

What does Eph.2:8-9 teach us about this salvation process?

That we are saved by (His) grace, through (our) faith. But our faith is His gift to us!

Comment on 6:44. What is this verse teaching? see 1:13

It's another way to say, God alone chooses! Not of natural descent, human decision, will.

How secure are the chosen ones? Jn.6:39-40; Rom.8:29-30

Eternal Security

Eternal Security: Father's will, Christ's promise, "I shall lose none...He has given Me..."

The 3 reactions: scoffers, false disciples and true disciples...John 6:41-71

What was the reaction of these Jewish scoffers (unbelievers)? 6:41-42; Num.11:4-6

They were grumbling (Gr=Gogguzo, murmur, mutter). Just like their fathers before.

What does Jesus teach/clarify to these unbelieving complainers? 6:47-51

I AM the bread of (eternal) life, my flesh (death on the cross). Eat this bread/live forever.

What are some *spiritual applications* from the physical bread metaphor?

Bread is useless unless consumed. Once consumed it is yours, part of you. Sustains life!

And the reaction of those focused only the physical? 6:52 Jesus' response? 6:53-60

How can this be?? Jesus emphasizes spiritual truth. It is truth, but misunderstood by all.

And with this 'hard' teaching, how did the false disciples react? 6:60-66 see Mt.13:20

These imposter disciples turned back because of the word. Showed their heart of unbelief.

Then Jesus turns to the Twelve. Will you leave also? What is the response? 6:67

Peter says, Go where? We (all 12) believe in You! You have the words of eternal life.

And what is the shocking reply from Jesus? 6:70-71

Not even all of you are believers! Judas was chosen to be 1 of 12 disciples. Never believed!

Some Scripture regarding God's choosing in salvation

For many are called, but few are chosen. (Matt 22:14)

Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. (Mark 13:20)

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. (Jn.6:44)

And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father." (Jn.6:65)

When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (Rom 8:28-30)

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. (Eph 1:4)

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Col 3:12)

Knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you. (1 Thess 1:4)

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. (2 Thess 2:13)

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity. (2 Tim 1:9)

For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory. (2 Tim 2:10)

Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness. (Titus 1:1)

Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? (James 2:5)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father. (1 Peter 1:1-2)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)